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CLAIM FOR RIGHT OF PRIORITY

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.55 and MPEP §201.14, Applicants claim the benefit of the filing date of three (3) prior British applications having Application No. 9515813.5, filed on August 2, 1995; Application No. 9603770.0, filed on February 22, 1996; and, Application No. 9613227.9, filed on June 25, 1996, under conditions specified in 35 U.S.C. §119.

Copies of the original foreign applications with a certification by the British Patent Office are being filed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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